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Dear George:

To yours of the twelfth:

I am quite astonished that Bronk should have interfered with Zinder's plans and don't understand his motive at all. Of course there should have been no need to consult him first; we just don't do things that way here. You were quite right to correspond directly with Zinder, and it would be up to him then to take the matter up with Bronk.

Günter would be a splendid idea, and I am going to take the initiative, on my own responsibility, of discretely asking him how he might feel about it. As a matter of fact, I am going to see him this afternoon, as I am making a trip up to Berkeley.

We will send you our detailed plans when they are more definitely fixed. We certainly do look forward to seeing you--a pity we won't be there just on Midsummer Night.

I wish I could say that we had recovered completely from the shock of moving and of our December trip. I am afraid the second lesion may be altogether irreparable.

By the way, I wonder if you could do me a small favor. I did receive an excellent replica in bronze of the Nobel medal, and with it was some statement that may very well have been a bill for the cost of the casting. I'm embarrassed to say that I have lost that piece of paper and am not sure what it was intended for. Could I ask you to inquire either at the Nobel Foundation or at the Royal Mint and to pay any charges that may be due on that shipment. I don't believe it comes to a tremendous amount and will, of course, settle with you, as with our other financial exchanges, when we see you. Also it may be necessary for us to take advantage of Mr. Steen again. There may not be so much time on this occasion for the actual preparation, and I wonder if there is any possibility that he will have kept a record of the measurements so that the necessary apparel would be ready when needed on May 29. If not, we may have to go through the whole procedure again. I am seriously considering the alternative of using my own academic costume, the robes of a Yale Ph.D., but this might be too conspicuous. In any case, I don't have my own set at the present time. Yours in expectation,

As ever,

Joshua Lederberg

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